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Mission's focus:

- Counselling
- Education
- Evangelism
- Discipleship

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Dear brother/collaborator,

The grace and peace of God be with you and your family. It is a privilege to greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, thanking you for your continuous support. It is by His grace that we are able to manage affliction and trials that we are all facing. Our God 'El Emunah' has shown His faithfulness toward us last year and He will continue to be faithful this year, for He is an immutable God ([Psalm 102:27](#) and [Hebrews 13:8](#)). His love for us will never run out or change ([Romans 8:39](#)) this is the hope that we have in Christ. A real hope and not a false one 😊!

Actual situation in Peru

With regards to the situation in Peru, epidemiologists declared that pandemic fatigue^a is one of the causes of the new breed for the Covid -19. After such a long time of restrictions, the people are tired. The new breeds of Covid-19 were not adequately dealt with, because of the lack of sufficient community effort. Besides, the restart of economic activities accelerated trafficking and interaction of people.

An important group that was mostly affected mentally, psychologically and emotionally- (anxiety, depression, burnout, insomnia, impotency, desperation, death etc.)- is the personnel of health :(. They are working on the Covid -19 cases in a difficult situation with few resources. They see patients dying daily without being able to help them or to let them say goodbye to their families 😞. A study shows that 30% of the people have been infected with the virus Covid-19. Thanks to God Peru now has vaccines and started vaccinating people in health, uniformed groups and after that the most vulnerable. This vaccination campaign is voluntary and the intention is to vaccinate 24.5 million persons of 18 years and up.

School holidays and activities of the church

During the months January and February 2021, the school was on holidays. Due to the pandemic we didn't have camps for the children, adolescents and young adults this year. The church services and bible studies continued virtually. It has been a year since we've had church services and classes at La Roca Christian School.

Virtual medical campaign



The Twin Missions International team visits Peru annually to have a medical campaign in the neighborhoods of Lima. This year however, they decided to have a virtual medical campaign. This took place from the 6th to the 10th of February 2021.

Meeting of interpreters

^a Pandemic fatigue is the state in which a person shows apathy, chronic tiredness and stress that characterizes the person.

Thanksgiving:

- ✚ God's provision and guidance;
- ✚ God's protection during this pandemic;
- ✚ Flight to Curacao and time with family, friends and brethren;
- ✚ Opportunity to say goodbye to my beloved uncle who passed away in Curacao;
- ✚ Opportunities to spread the word

Prayer petitions

- ✚ God's mercy for the people of Peru;
- ✚ Guidance of God with my school responsibilities and other ministries for this year;
- ✚ Protection of the missionaries and the ministry of La Roca;
- ✚ Wisdom for the school leadership in taking decisions;
- ✚ For application of Biblical principles when voting for the election of march 19th on Curacao.



Personnel of La Roca Christian School

I thank God for the enthusiasm of these doctors and the care for the Peruvian folk.

During this campaign they had several talks about health. They provided information about how to take care of your self during the pandemic. They also had a session on personal care and prevention of illnesses especially for women.

I was in Colombia during this week, for I was waiting for a flight to Curacao. Thank God I could participate partially anyway in this campaign. I assisted with interpretation of texts and a testimony of one of the specialists. I also helped out with a PowerPoint presentation on health care. During this campaign the gospel was presented every day, so we can thank God for this as well. ☺

Discipleship, counselling and evangelism



I continued with ministry of counselling and discipleship partially virtually and partially face to face. The prevalent cases in counselling were depression (especially under adolescents), anxiety, family problems that got worse due to the social-economic situation and restrictions.

As for evangelism, the evangelism campaigns that La Roca church organizes yearly, these were cancelled because of the pandemic.

At the property of La Roca

Final Word

Concluding, I want to thank God for His grace, His support and His Word which give me strength and hope. Let us continue waiting on the Lord and strengthen our hearts in His power and grace.

"...We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down but we get up again and keep going. ..."
2 Corinthians 4: 8-9

"For we walk by faith and not by sight ..." 2 Corinthians 5:7

Let us continue to live by faith and not depend on our own strength and capacity. 'Elohim Ozer Li' is our God and our Helper (Psalm 54:4)

Your servant in Christ,

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